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Accordingly, the Examiner has not met the required burden of (B) above, and the

restriction requirement is therefore improper for this reason as well.

Therefore, for the above reasons, the Examiner's Restriction Requirement is legally erroneous and is improper. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the Restriction

Requirement and consider the application in its entirety.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby

made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit

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Respectfully submitted,

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